

Application No. 10/781,404
Docket No. 2003U038.US

Remarks

Amendment to the Specification

The specification has been amended at paragraph [0016] to correct a typographical error, by deleting the phrase "lbs/hr/inch" and replacing with the phrase —lbs/hr/rpm—. It should be apparent from the experimental data, the immediately surrounding ranges in metric units, and the narrowing ranges in the specification that follow paragraph [0016], that this change does not add new matter.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 12 and 13 are amended by deleting the phrase "lbs/hr/inch" and replacing with the phrase —lbs/hr/rpm—. No new matter is believed to be added, as these changes are consistent with the specification as filed.

Claim 14 is amended to add the phrase "pellets of" for clarity. Finally, Claim 14 is amended by deleting the element "water," to broaden the scope of the claimed embodiment, eliminating a non-essential feature to the embodiment.

Claim 17 is amended to delete the term "and", as it was included due to a typographical error.

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It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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